AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LEBANON, INDIANA, AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF LEBANON BY THE INCLUSION OF A NEW ARTICLE TO CHAPTER 6 TO BE ENTITLED ROLLER SKATES AND SKATEBOARDS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND INTENT

WHEREAS, the City of Lebanon, Indiana, recognizes that skateboarding and roller skating has fast become a new form of recreational activity for various groups of citizens throughout our City, and

WHEREAS, the City of Lebanon deems it appropriate that safety regulations governing the operation of skateboards and roller skating on community thoroughfares, streets and alleyways is appropriate until such time as dedicated facilities for skateboarding and roller skating become available to the general public, and

WHEREAS, the Common Council believes that participants in such sporting activities should have access to safe places to practice and participate in their chosen form of recreational activity, and that the safety of pedestrians and vehicular traffic in the City of Lebanon should not be put in jeopardy due to the pursuit of this recreational activity, and

WHEREAS, the Common Council, with the assistance and cooperation of the City Police Department and legal counsel, propose the following legislation to regulate the usage of skateboards and roller skates in the City of Lebanon, State of Indiana.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEBANON, STATE OF INDIANA, as follows:

Section 1: Chapter 6, Article 3, of the Municipal Code of the City of Lebanon, State of Indiana, shall read in its entirety as follows:

CHAPTER 6. BICYCLES, MOTORIZED BICYCLES, ROLLER SKATES AND SKATEBOARDS.

ARTICLE 3 SKATEBOARD AND ROLLER SKATE REGULATIONS

Section 6-15. Compliance with the Article Required.

- (a) No person shall roller skate or ride a skateboard in any public place within the City of Lebanon except where specifically authorized by this Article.
- (b) No person shall roller skate or ride a skateboard in any public place within the City of Lebanon without complying with the rules and regulations as set forth in this Article.

<u>Section 6-16.</u> <u>Skateboarding and Roller Skating Prohibited on all city streets</u>;

- (a) No person shall roller skate or ride a skateboard on any street except when crossing the street.
- (b) The laws governing pedestrians crossing streets shall apply to any person crossing a street on roller skates or skateboards.
- (c) Any person crossing a street on roller skates or any person crossing a street on a skateboard shall come to a complete stop and give the right of way to all vehicular traffic before crossing said street.
- (d) Any person crossing a street on roller skates or any person crossing a street on a skateboard shall be cognizant of his or her own safety, as well as the due care and safety of pedestrians in the area.
- (e) Any person crossing street on roller skates or crossing a street on a skateboard shall yield the right of way to pedestrians and vehicular traffic at all crosswalks.
- (f) No person crossing a street on roller skates or crossing a street on a skateboard shall travel too fast for the existing conditions.
- (g) All persons participating in the recreationsl activity of roller skating or skateboarding shall otherwise obey all traffic signs and signals posted for vehicular traffic and pedestrians in the City of Lebanon, Indiana.
- (h) All persons engaging in the recreational activity of roller skating or skateboarding shall ride on the right-hand side of the street close to the curb or parked line of cars.
- (i) All persons engaging in the recreational activity of roller skating or skateboarding shall keep a safe distance behind any vehicle, bicycle, roller skater,
- (j) All persons engaging in the recreational activity of roller skating